

M'GOVERN'S ONE-TIME BLOW STOPS MURPHY

Terry, After Weathering a Close Call, Lands the Dying Wallop When the First Round Is One Minute and Thirty-two Seconds Old.

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Terry McGovern predicted that he'd "be there with bells on." He was. To-day a thousand different sporting writers will begin their stories of the great fight by saying that "Terry McGovern is the Terrible Terry of old." He is.

He's the same Terry of the blazing eyes and the sopping wallow, which he proved to the complete satisfaction of Tommy Murphy, his manager, seconds and trainers, a thousand dazed Harlemites, another thousand from Terry's own feudal territory, and the entire mob of Philadelphia enthusiasts that had fought for seats in galleries and ring-side sections. He proved it in just one minute and thirty-two seconds.

Terry Was the Class.

Terry didn't knock Murphy out. He simply came so near butchering the same little Harlemite in a sudden flurry of furious fighting that Referee McGuigan interfered to save Murphy's life.

Terry was the class, and when it came to a showdown he held four aces to Tommy's poor little two.

It was the fastest fight I, for one, ever saw. Only one minute and thirty-two seconds, yet in that short interval of time the spectators got full value for their \$4.00 of gate money. It started and finished so quickly that long rows of ring-side reporters, with pencils neatly sharpened, forgot to take down a note. Bawling yells for Murphy were still ringing through the fog of cigar smoke when Terry's fearful right-hander smashed against the extreme tip of Murphy's long jaw.

How It Happened.

This is just how Terry McGovern came back.

The start was scheduled for 11 o'clock. At ten minutes to the hour trainers, seconds and fighters jammed their way through the crowd to the ring. Humphreys and Oliver entered first, then came Frank Erns, Murphy's chief adviser, and Hogarty McGovern.

Tommy Murphy bounced through the ropes. Almost at his heels was Terry. Both were stripped and ready. A mild roar met Murphy, but when the old champion came through the ropes, quick as a cat, and danced across the red-canvas to his corner such a cataclysm of sound rose that the solid roar beams shook.

Terry looked like a champion. There was none of the "nervous-wreck" appearance about him. His face was brown and clean-cut as ever. His little body and sturdy limbs were those of the old Terry, skin skin covering muscles that stood out furiously. He was laughing and grinning in the old way to all his friends around the arena. A murmur of astonishment and admiration went through the house.

No Delay in the Ring.

No fuss, no squabbles. Both boys slipped on the new, clean, yellow gloves. Young Corbett challenged the winner to fight at 125 pounds, 3 o'clock. Then the fight was cleared.

Lou Durlacher pulled the string. The hammer of the big brass gong fell with a clang.

So quickly that they seemed to fill like shadows both little men slipped to the center of the ring. Instantly Terry's left fist shot out, to land lightly on Murphy's jaw. Tommy, who was pale as a ghost, smiled a little. Once more Terry's left landed—just a feathery tap. Murphy suddenly jammed his left fist straight out into Terry's groin. Then the fight started off like a whirlwind.

All this had taken but a second. The little fighters were lightning fast, both of them. They were almost good natured.

Murphy tried a swift right hook and missed. Terry punched him savagely on the mouth, rushed, and smashed him back to the ropes. Murphy caught Terry's left hand and held it in a tight grip. That was his for the first round. He didn't try to get away. He just walked away with his right, and in a moment Murphy was glad to let go and slide away along the posts. Terry was after him full tilt. They fought back to the mid-ring.

Murphy Wasn't Scared.

McGovern's eyes were staring now with the old battle rage. He had fought and out many a better with that look. Not Murphy, though. The Harlemite punched Terry fairly on the chin. Terry drew back his lips in a snarl and plunged in headlong, hitting fast with both hands. He tossed Tommy on the ropes again. Tommy flew back, crumpled with crossed arms guarding his jaw.

Then came a sensation—a surprise that stunned McGovern's followers like a thunder clap. Murphy, head bent forward, secretly hooked Terry on the chin with his left fist. Quicker than thought his right shot across in the famous Bruh hook. Terry was jarred back. Then Murphy flashed forward. Again the left and right to the jaw. Terry, dazed, staggered back heavily to the ropes. Murphy was right on his trail.

He rained blows on Terry's head. McGovern slipped out of the danger zone, dazedly. He took a backward step and, once again, faced Murphy in the middle of the ring.

Terry Meant Business Now.

Terry's eyes were glassy and popped wide open in an expression half of surprise, half of despair. His jaw dropped. He stood unsteadily, swaying like a reed.

Murphy, smiling, charged in. He was Terry McGovern's old friend, turned away from him unable to see Terry

M'GOVERN SAID:
"I said I'd do it in the first or second round, didn't I? The old wallop was still there and it brought home the money."

MURPHY SAID:
"I don't know just how it happened. I haven't my senses yet. I did the best I could, but that punch caught me wide open."

knocked out. "Poor Terry, he's gone!" said Young Corbett at my elbow.

But Terry didn't take it that way. There's one great fighting characteristic in McGovern. He doesn't seem to realize it when he is getting the worst of things. His only thought is to nail the other fellow.

This time Terry set himself to meet Murphy's rush. For a moment he tottered. Then, with an effort that seemed to be drawn from the very roots of his nerve force, he steadied himself. He suddenly became rigid. His muscles were set for that fearful dying McGovern wallop. Murphy drew back. It was suicide to attack.

Terry, his eyes blazing, lunged at Murphy. His right hand, drawn 'way back, shot out like the piston of a horse power auto engine. Terry's glove flattened with a chug right on the tip of Murphy's long, lean, angular jaw. Batting Nelson would have dropped like a log if that had hit him. Murphy fell face down.

Terry in a Hurry.

In an instant the house, which had been cheering for Harlem Tommy, rose and roared McGovern's name. Terry stepped carefully back and the count began. It had reached eight when Murphy rose.

Without waiting a blow McGovern floored him again.

"McGovern! McGovern!" shrieked the galleries and the front seats.

Murphy, gasping as he bulged, rolled over, and came slowly to steady himself, and came slowly up. There was no intelligence in his blood eyes, but he managed to reel away. He didn't know where McGovern was for he half turned his back. Terry knocked him back through the ropes. Terry's corner with a savage grin swung on the neck still he came up and backed against the ropes, covering his jaw with crossed arms. McGovern, pitiless as Murphy would have been himself, beat down the feeble guard and knocked Tommy out.

Ready hands stopped him, and Tommy, still struggling to rise, rolled back under the ropes and slowly forced his way up to his feet. He staggered, then the posts again, out of Terry's corner. A fourth time McGovern smashed the feeble guard and knocked Tommy out to the floor and half out of the ring.

McGuigan Stops It.

This was the finish. Terry stood back, and as Tommy Murphy, still with a glimmering of consciousness behind his black eyes, groped the ropes and pulled his limp weight desperately upward, Referee McGuigan stepped between Terry and his helpless victim.

The fight was over.

Terry, laughing again, was carried from the ring. Tommy Murphy was carried, too, but he didn't stir. Ten minutes later I saw him in his dressing-room.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "I haven't got my head yet."

"I said 'with bells on,' didn't I?" said all Terry had time for as he plunged into a cold shower.

JAMAICA ENTRIES.

(Special to The Evening World.)

JAMAICA RACE TRACK, Y. O. Oct. 12.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs.

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